

終戦時までのわが国ノン・マルクス経済学史の素描

——「純粋経済学」と「政治経済学」——

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A Historical Sketch of Japanese Non-Marxian Economics

before the end of World War II :

Pure Economics and Political Economy

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Abstract

Japanese economics has a 130-year history. There were two streams in Japanese non-Marxian economics before the end of World War II. One was 'Pure Economics' which aimed at studying the pure theory of economics excluding an economic history and policy. The other was 'Political Economy' (or Political Economics) which made much of nation's or politics' role.

Pure Economics survived after World War II. There is no theoretical gap between postwar and prewar Pure Economics. Prewar Political Economy seems to have disappeared in the end of the war because of its theoretical weakness. But a kind of revival of Political Economy was seen when a sense of crisis on economics spread among Japanese economists around 1970. In order to think of ideal relationship between the theory and the policy of Japanese economics, we have to inquire into details of the prewar Japanese Political Economy.

This paper aims at drawing a historical sketch of Japanese non-Marxian economics. Up to now, historians of economics seldom have dealt with Japanese Political Economy which was in rivalry with Pure Economics. This paper puts emphasis on describing the Political Economy.